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APPLICANT: Kleshinski CONFIRMATION NO.: 1487
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TITLE: GUIDEWIRE FOR A FREE STANDING INTERVASCULAR
DEVICE HAVING AN INTEGRAL STOP MECHANISM

Mail Stop RCE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on February 17, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination and this Preliminary Amendment. A check is enclosed to pay for the Request. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due; however, in the event that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this Paper; and

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Paper.